

McCREARY IS INAUGURATED

Twelve Comrades in Arms in '61 Acted as Guard of Honor.

Frankford, Ky., Dec. 12.—Next to Kentucky's incoming Democratic governor, James B. McCreary, and the retiring Republican governor, Augustus E. Wilson, positions of honor at the inauguration today were occupied by the twelve surviving members of the old McCreary guards. This was a military company organized in Frankford in 1877 during Governor McCreary's first administration sit on one side these veterans escorted the governor's carriage today in the parade that led from the governor's mansion to the capitol.

Governor McCreary, most of whose life has been spent in public office, vacated the chair he reoccupied today 32 years ago. Now he is over 70.

Many personal and political friends who attended this first inauguration were present today, along with the 2,000 members of the Democratic marching clubs from the various cities of the state. In electing Governor McCreary Kentucky returned to the Democratic column.

Southern Railway Premier Carrier of the South.

Washington, December 14.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, announced today the inauguration by the Company of several important improvements. Mr. Finley said:

"Work has already been commenced on the installation of an automatic electric block signal system on the line from Monroe, Va., through Lynchburg, to Montview, a distance of 12 miles and work on the installation of a similar automatic electric block system will be commenced at once on the line between Durham, N. C., the first station north of Greensboro, and Charlotte, N. C., a distance of approximately 96 miles. The system to be installed is of the type known as the 'Three Position Signal'—one position indicating 'stop,' another indicating 'proceed with caution,' and the third indicating 'proceed.' Although the Company is now operating a very efficient manual block signal system on all of its lines on which the tariff is at all heavy, it has been determined to replace this system with the three-position automatic block signals on all double-track lines of the Company and on all lines which may hereafter be double-tracked.

"The increase in the volume of business handled at the shops and yard at Spencer, N. C., is such as to make necessary important improvements at that point, including the immediate construction of an oil house, wash and locker rooms, new cinder pits, a new coaling plant, and the construction of new and enlarged stock pens. In connection with these improvements, grading will be done for the erection of a new power-house and a 27-stall round-house.

"Growing out of the fact that the Company's terminals at Columbia, S. C., have heretofore consisted mainly of the various yards of the Company's lines at that point which were formerly separately operated railways, business must at present be handled in several disjointed yards. This condition is to be remedied by the construction of one general receiving, dispatching and classification yard on property owned by the Company at Royster, just outside of Columbia.

"To provide for renewals and also for new construction, arrangements are being made for the purchase of 27,000 tons of Southern Railway standard steel rail for the Southern Railway System."

Rabbits and Partridges.

(Siler City Grit.)

The shipment of rabbits from Siler City for week ending November 5th was 887.

For week ending November 14, 1,322.

For week ending Nov. 21, 3,074.

For week ending Nov. 28, 3,922.

For week ending Dec. 5, 2,102.

For week ending Dec. 12, 2,339.

Total to date, 15,631.

The shipments season opened November 15th. The shipments are:

For week ending Nov. 21, 1,212.

For week ending Nov. 28, 1,384.

For week ending Nov. 28th 1,100.

For week ending Dec. 5, 1,741.

For week ending Dec. 12, 1,389.

"I Am Well"

writes Mrs. L. R. Barker, of Bud, Ky., "and can do all my housework. For years I suffered with such pains, I could scarcely stand on my feet. After three different doctors had failed to help me, I gave Cardui a trial. Now, I feel like a new woman."

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JANUARY 13th 1912

Contestants "Be Ye Ready."

Promptly at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, January 13th the Ballot Box of the Hustler's Great Voting Contest will be closed. The closing day is 19 working days off, and the Contestantes should lose no time in getting every subscription possible between now and the above mentioned date..one subscription may win for you the Four Hundred Dollar Piano.

Contest Will Close Promptly!

The day, hour and the minute for closing the Contest has now been announced, and the contest will CLOSE PROMPTLY on the minute---not one or two minutes later. The closing date is just a little more than three weeks off, but every contestant has sufficient time in which to put in some good work. Remember \$10,000 would not induce us to keep the ballot box open one minute later than we have advertised. Double your effort to win during the last few days.

50,000 FREE VOTES!

Fifty Thousand Free Votes will be given away next Wednesday, December 27th as follows:

25,000 Free Votes will be given the contestant sending in the largest amount of money on subscriptions by Dec., 27th.

15,000 Free Votes to contestant sending in second largest amount and 10,000 Free Votes to contestant sending in third largest amount.

\$4 Pair Shoes FREE

Mr. F. Z. Morris, manager of the Hendersonville Mercantile Co., "Hendersonville's Quality Store" is announcing this week that he will give a \$4.00 pair of the famous "Queen Quality" shoes to the contestant sending in the largest number of new subscribers to the Hustler by Wednesday night, Dec. 27th. Call at this popular store and see these shoes. Also see the large stock of coat suits, latest fall styles, and note the extremely low prices. Mr. Morris states that the suits must be sold quickly—go and select your suit at once. The price is right. Everything the ladies need can be found at the Hendersonville Mercantile Co.'s store.

FRIENDS SHOULD ASSIST

During the remaining days of the struggle to win the Handsome Piano, the friends of the young lady Contestants should assist them by subscribing or renewing their subscriptions and voting for their favorite.

V. L. LOEHR, Contest Manager.

French Broad Hustler

Hendersonville, N. C

AMONG THE TRADES.

Conditions in North Carolina Set Out in Report of Commissioner of Labor and Printing—Very Satisfactory State of Affairs Among Persons Engaged in Trades Except for Continually Increasing Cost of Living—The Trouble From Vagrants in Cities and Towns Needs Closer Attention.

(News and Observer.)

The section of the report of Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman relating to trades has been completed, and it gives a most interesting review of facts as to these in North Carolina. The chapter reads:

In the Matter of Trades.

"The act creating the department contemplated only the collection of information upon the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings of laboring men and women, their educational, moral and financial conditions, and the best means of promoting their mental, material, social and moral prosperity. But a slight departure from the general condition affecting wage-earners, in a broad sense of the term, is shown in the compilation of information obtained from the correspondents who are engaged in the various 'trades' themselves.

"But for the continually increasing cost of living it might be said that the condition of the persons employed in what are known as the trades show a very satisfactory state of affairs. The cotton mill industry is perhaps the only one where there is lack of normal employment. During the last year the markets for this class of goods has been so acute that numbers of mills have run on short time, while still others have been closed down for periods of more or less duration.

"In the building trades there has been a noticeable improvement over last year, and the demand for various manufactured articles entering into the construction of these buildings has been stimulated to such an extent as to benefit other lines.

"The class commonly known as day laborers have also been supplied almost continuously with employment. Many of these are employed in excavating, handling and hauling of material, and the numberless unclassified duties of helpers to the skilled laborers. Street and steam railway construction, hydro-electric development, to say nothing of the endless opportunity for farm employment, have opened the way for almost all able-bodied men, of whatever degree of capacity, for steady employment.

"The cities and towns are still overrun with vagrants, mostly negroes. For some reason that we are unable to locate, too little is being done to reduce the evils of this condition.

Summary.

"The average wages of the different trades reported are as follows: Blacksmith, \$2.35; brickmason, \$3.41; boiler-maker, \$3.00; cabinet maker, \$2.50; carpenter, \$2.37; conductor, \$3.60; contractor, \$2.17; coppersmith, \$3.50; engineer, \$5.17; fireman, \$1.90; letter carrier, \$2.52; linotype operator, \$3.56; liveryman, \$1.00; machinist, \$2.92; moulder, \$2.67; painter, \$3.00; pattern-maker, \$4.00; plasterer, \$3.33; pressman, \$2.00; printer, \$3.12; railway conductor, \$4.55; stonemason, \$3.00; street railway employee, \$2.00; surveyor, \$3.50; textile worker's, \$1.55; tinner, \$2.00; trainmaster, \$4.00.

"The per cent who read and write by trades is as follows: Blacksmith, journeymen, 71; apprentices, 100; brickmason, journeymen, 83; apprentices, 62 1-2; boilermaker, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; cabinet-maker, journeymen, 85; apprentices, 90; carpenter, journeymen, 83; apprentices, 85; conductor, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; contractor, journeymen, 93; apprentices, 90; coppersmith, journeymen, 66 2-3; apprentices, 66 2-3; engineer, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; fireman, journeymen, 90; letter carrier, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; linotype operator, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; liveryman, journeymen, 50; apprentices, 33; machinist, journeymen, 94; apprentices, 95; moulder, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 97; patternmaker, journeymen, 100; plasterer, journeymen, 100; pressman, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; printer, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; railway conductor, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; street railway employee, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100; textile workers, journeymen, 80; tinner, journeymen, 80; apprentices, 50; trainmaster, journeymen, 100; apprentices, 100.

"The age at which apprentices should enter trade is reported as follows: Blacksmith, 16; brickmason, 18; cabinetmaker, 18; carpenter, 17; conductor, 25; contractor, 17; coppersmith, 18; engineer, 17; fireman, 16; letter carrier, 19; linotype operator, 15; liveryman, 14; machinist, 16; moulder, 17; painter, 16; patternmaker, 15; plasterer, 17; pressman, 18; printer, 14; railway conductor, 20; stonemason, 18; textile workers, 19; tinner, 15; trainmaster, 21.

"The years a apprentice should serve in the different trades is reported as follows: Blacksmith, 3; brickmason, 3 1-2; boilermaker, 4; cabinet maker, 3; carpenter, 3 1-2; contractor, 3; engineer, 3 1-2; fireman, 1; foreman, 4; letter carrier, 3-4; linotype operator, 4; liveryman, 3; machinist, 4; moulder, 4; painter, 3; patternmaker, 4; plasterer, 3; pressman, 3; printer, 4; railway conductor, 3; stonemason, 3; surveyor, 4; textile workers, 3; tinner, 3; trainmaster, 4."

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